

LITERARY ITEMS.

Mr. Parker Pillsbury's speech before the Equal Rights Association, entitled "The Mortality of Nations," has just been issued by this Association, and can be had at their Rooms, No. 37 Broadway, third floor. Speeches by Mr. George C. T. Phillips, and other distinguished orators, together with an interesting one by Mrs. Stanton, will soon be issued.

The following letter, written by Lord Palmerston ten years ago in the midst of his numberless avocations as Prime Minister, affords so remarkable an illustration of the mind and of the prompt, vigorous energy which he was capable of taking of matters of great interest, that it seems well worth preserving. The letter was submitted for opinion by Lord Palmerston to the officer whom he usually consulted at that period of subjects of gunnery, with the following characteristic signature:

"M. DE GRANDE.—Read and inform me on the abstruse philosophy of our Prince Minister; I wonder where we are to find a circular range of a mile radius."

Lord Palmerston's letter is as follows:

December 1, 1857.
MY DEAR FRIEND.—There is an investigation which would be important in the case of a collision whether the rotation of the earth on its axis has any effect on the curve of a cannon ball in its flight. One should suppose that it has, and that it would be necessary to take account of it in order to get straight line from the gun. But I have not heard of the rotation of the earth in the same manner which it would be so if lying at rest on the earth's surface. If this be so, a deviation due to the weight of the object at which it was aimed, because during the time of flight that object will have gone to the eastward faster than the earth, will be the cause of the deviation. In the case of a ship sailing by land, the effect of the earth's rotation will not affect the rotation of the earth in the same manner which it would do so if lying at rest on the earth's surface. The trial might be easily made in any place in which a few circles of a circle could be obtained and a chain placed in the center of that circle, and alternately north, south, east, and west, until equal changes would be made in the mean of a rotating weight.

The effect of the weight of a ball fired due north or south would invariably be westward will not escape notice. The deviation due to the earth's rotation is of course different in each hemisphere. In the northern hemisphere, in the southern hemisphere it is always to the left. Thus the deviation of a gun fired north in the northern hemisphere is east, when firing south it is west; when the practice takes place in the middle of the ocean, the deviation is a shot traveling north, and east is a shot traveling south. The subject is one which has often engaged the attention of philosophers, to whom it has more interest than it can possibly have to practical men. The question is, does it have to appear, and the error is it so small, that the deviation of projectiles due to ceasional causes may well be disregarded, and the experiments which Lord Palmerston made do not possess any value independent of its practical view, and has been published by Lord Palmerston's permission in the current number of the "Proceedings of the Royal Artillery Institution."

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